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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED APRIL THIRTEEN INSTANT.

FIRE STATION ADJOINING CRIME SCENE:

INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY BUAGENTS WITH MEMBERS OF MEMPHIS FIRE STATION, MEMPHIS PD, AND SHELBY COUNTY SO, WHO WERE ON DUTY AND PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT THE FIRE STATION, MAIN AND BUTLER, AT TIME OF MURDER OF DR. KING ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

INTERVIEWS WITH THESE OFFICERS REVEAL THAT NO ONE ACTUALLY HEARD THE SHOT FIRED, ALTHOUGH SOME ADMIT HEARING "SOMETHING." ALL OF THE OFFICERS IMMEDIATELY CAME OUTSIDE OF THE FIRE STATION AND A NUMBER OF THESE RAN OUT OF THE NORTH EXITS TO THE FIRE STATION, THEN RAN EAST OVER A FENCE AND DOWN A TEN-FOOT CONCRETE RETAINING WALL WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF MULBERRY STREET.

A NUMBER OF THESE OFFICERS CONTINUED RUNNING TO THE SCENE OF THE SHOOTING AT THE LORRAINE MOTEL. HOWEVER, AFTER THE FIRST GROUP OF OFFICERS ARRIVED AND RECEIVED INFORMATION

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INDICATING THAT THE SHOT HAD PROBABLY BEEN FIRED FROM THE REAR OF ONE OF THE BUILDINGS OF THE FOUR HUNDRED BLOCK OF MAIN STREET, THE OFFICERS ON THE SCENE BEGAN TO POINT AND SHOUT IN THE GENERAL LOCATION OF THE ROOMING HOUSE AT FOUR TWO TWO AND ONE-HALF SOUTH MAIN STREET. THEREAFTER, SOME OF THESE OFFICERS WHO HAD STARTED TOWARD THE SCENE TO THE LORRAINE MOTEL TURNED AROUND, RAN WEST TO MAIN STREET, THEN NORTH ON MAIN TO VICINITY OF CANIPE AMUSEMENT COMPANY AND THE ROOMING HOUSE.

OFFICERS STATED THAT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING WAS APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES AFTER SIX P. M., ON APRIL FOUR LAST AND WITHIN TWO TO EIGHT MINUTES MOST OF THE OFFICERS HAD THE CRIME SCENE GUARDED AND BEGAN QUESTIONING VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS IN THE AREA. OFFICERS ALSO GUARDED THE OBJECTS ALLEGEDLY DROPPED BY UNSUB WHICH WERE IN DOORWAY OF CANIPE AMUSEMENT COMPANY.

RECORD CHECKS:

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AMONG VARIOUS TENNESSEE RECORDS REVIEWED IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION RELATIVE TO ERIC STARVO GALT, JEROME WALLIS VERNON, JOHN WILLARD, AND HARVEY LOWMEYER, INCLUDE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, CITY DIRECTORIES, AND TELEPHONE BOOKS, CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECKS, VOTER RECORDS, SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS, PUBLIC UTILITIES, DRIVERS LICENSE, DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, TENN. BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION, WITHOUT LOCATING ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION.

REBEL MOTEL:

ANDY GASDRITZA, AKA ANDY GAST, OVER-THE-ROAD DRIVER, FREUHAUF TRAILERS, STAYED REBEL MOTEL, ROOM THIRTYFIVE, ARRIVING BEFORE SEVEN P. M., APRIL THREE LAST. DID NOT SEE ANY GUESTS OTHER THAN FELLOW DRIVER EMPLOYEE OF FRUEHAUF. RETIRED TO ROOM ABOUT NINE THIRTY IN EVENING, NOT SEEING ANY CAR AT ROOM THIRTYFOUR. GAST HEARD OCCUPANT SLAM DOOR TO ROOM THIRTYFOUR AT TEN P. M., NO FURTHER NOISES THAT NIGHT.

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FOLLOWING MORNING AT SEVEN A. M., GAST SAW LIGHT COLORED CAR PARKED IN FRONT ROOM THIRTYFOUR, HAS NO RECOLLECTION AS TO MAKE OR MODEL. DID NOT SEE OCCUPANT AT ROOM OR IN RESTAURANT OF MOTEL. GAST DEPARTED MOTEL SEVEN THIRTY A. M.

SOIL SAMPLES TAKEN AT REBEL MOTEL AND ELIMINATION FINGERPRINTS TAKEN FROM ALL EMPLOYEES WITH EXCEPTION OF SARA LOVING, A MAID.

LORRAINE MOTEL:

MR. FRANK LANSKY, ARCHITECT FOR THE LORRAINE MOTEL, MADE BLUEPRINTS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AVAILABLE FOR USE IN PREPARATION OF EXHIBITS RELATING TO THE CRIME SCENE.

EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW OCCUPANTS OF LORRAINE MOTEL ON APRIL FOUR LAST CONTINUE. P.

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